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## A FLOOD WAVE

Comes Down the Floyd River Bringing Disaster to Sioux City.

OVER EIGHT THOUSAND PEOPLE

Driven From Their Homes and Many Lives are Lost.

FEARFUL RESULT OF THE RAINS

On the Western Waters--Many Cattle Drowned--At Sioux City the People Have but a Brief Warning and Fly From Their Homes in Terror--Immense Damage Done--In Some Sections Numbers of Farmers are Bankrupted--Hundreds of Square Miles Inundated--The End is Not Yet.

OMAHA, NEB., May 18.--A special to the Bee from Sioux City, Ia., says: A great flood disaster has overtaken Sioux City. This morning a great wave came down the Floyd river, which flows through the center of the city and which was already swollen bank full. The wave came a few minutes after 7 o'clock. Warning had been given but a short time before to the inhabitants of the lowlands, but only a few of them had been notified. The first intimation was a volume of water spreading over the banks to a depth of three feet and throwing a mist of foam from it. In a few minutes the water had risen above the first floors and several thousand died in terror to the higher ground.

At least eleven people are drowned. The water rose several feet in one hour and a half, and from 9 o'clock continued to rise steadily, but not so rapidly. Probably 1,000 inhabitants of the city live on the low ground which is overflowed. So rapid was the rise of the tide that great numbers were unable to escape and the work of rescue engaged the energy of the people. At 12 o'clock eleven persons were reported drowned, and there must be many others. The only names obtained so far are: Nellie West (widow), Mrs. Louise Morner and two children.

At 10 o'clock the fire alarm was sounded to call out more workers. All the boats from the boat houses on the Sioux river had been brought in and are being used to save life and property.

IMMENSE DAMAGE.

The Missouri river is very high and when the flood in the Floyd river struck it the water dammed up and rushed over the adjacent low grounds. The stock yards and packing houses were situated at the confluence of the two rivers and they were instantly inundated. About 2,000 head of live stock were drowned. Many numbers of dead stock have also been floating down the Floyd river. The whole railroad yards and switching track district is under water and there has been immense damage to the round houses and railroad property. The round houses of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha are damaged to the extent of \$40,000. That road, the Illinois Central and Sioux City and Northern enter the city by the Floyd valley and all are stopped. Not a train left Sioux City to-day.

At 1 o'clock p. m. the water had reached to Jennings street on Fourth street. The Hotel Fowle and the Boston Investment Company's building are surrounded with water. The Union depot was cut off at 9 o'clock.

It is estimated that 8,000 people have been driven from their homes. All business is suspended. The chamber of commerce organized this morning for relief work. Before noon the ladies had several soup and lunch houses opened for the flood sufferers. It is impossible yet to estimate the loss of property, but it will be large. There is only one telephone wire working out of the city and that runs to Omaha. This makes it impossible to adequately tell the story of the flood.

SITUATION AT ST. LOUIS.

Fifteen Hundred Families Temporarily Homeless--Ravages of the Flood.

St. Louis, May 18.--Instead of improving the local flood, the situation grows more serious with each hour. The water is still rising with no immediate prospect of a fall. Rains the past forty-eight hours, with more threatened, will keep the river from falling, and add every hour to the height. Conservative estimates now place the area under water in this section immediately surrounding St. Louis on both sides of the river at 400 square miles of fertile lands and the depth being two to twenty feet. Fully 1,500 families in this area have left their homes with little prospect of an early return. The main suffering is in the American bottom and on Missouri point. On the east side aid will be rendered to 500 sufferers by the state of Missouri, Governor Francis having ordered tents sent to them from Jefferson City. Food will be gathered and despatched. Further up the river the flood is increasing in east Madison, Venice and Brooklyn, the water flowing over the Alton Big Four and Wabash tracks near Namoka and adding to the quantity already there.

LATER--The water gauge marked 35.7 feet at noon to-day and was still rising. The situation in East St. Louis proper this morning was not materially changed, except that the water was a little higher and a larger area covered by water. A wild rumor that the Bowman dyke had given away and that a large loss of life and property had resulted proved to be untrue.

HIGHER THAN EVER.

MORRILLTON, ARK., May 18.--The Arkansas river at this point is higher than ever known and is still rising. Many hundred farmers have been bankrupted. The damages cannot be estimated.

Worse Floods Feared.

PAINS, TEXAS, May 18.--The recent rains have raised Red river to a gauge of thirty-two feet with more promised. The water has spread out over the bottom lands for a distance of one to three miles, ruining the crops on thousands of acres of rich farming lands. In many

places the river is changing its bed, which means the utter annihilation of thousands of acres of land. Much stock has been lost, and human life in many places placed in danger. More than \$100,000 worth of logs have been lost already in the forest.

The Flood at Lemars. LEMARS, IA., May 18.--The flood in the Floyd river reached three feet higher to-day than the great flood of last June. The city roller mill is gone. The track was washed out between Lemars and Sioux City, Lemars and Ramsen and Lemars and Seney. No trains have arrived since last night. No damage was done at Lemars, as the city is on high ground. Crops are destroyed on the Floyd bottom, but no stock lost. Leads, a suburb of Sioux City, is under four feet of water, and the inhabitants are being rescued with boats.

Entire Country Flooded.

SPENCER, IOWA, May 18.--A fearful wind and rain storm from the northwest is raging here. Such a fall of water in a similar length of time has never been known. The river Sioux has risen two feet and continues to rise. Three to four hundred feet of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul track was washed out at a creek two miles east of the city, the track being carried entirely off the right of way. The entire country along the river is under water.

Flood Gates Again Open.

FT. DODGE, IOWA, May 17.--The flood gates of heaven opened wide again last night and immense damage has been done. The Des Moines river has raised fully eight feet and is now rising two inches per hour. The little Sioux Valley is under water and it is feared the loss of life will be heavy. Trains on all railroads are hours late and several have been abandoned on account of washouts.

Evils of the Flood Increased.

ALTON, ILL., May 18.--The evils of the flood have been increased by robbery and by speculators who are buying stock for practically nothing, taking advantage of circumstances. The depredations have become so bad that a party of armed men has started for the inundated district.

The Arkansas on a Boom.

PINE BLUFF, ARK., May 18.--The Arkansas river at this place has risen five inches since last night, and great fears are entertained, as the Fort Smith levee is just reaching here. Five hundred men are at work on the levee on the Clay place, one mile below here, but it will be impossible to hold it longer than to-day.

Preparing for the Worst.

KEOKUK, IA., May 18.--The Egyptian levee is still firm, but may break within a day if the rivers continue to rise as they have to-day. People living in districts protected by levees can do nothing to prevent them being cut in two by the currents, but are simply waiting and preparing for the worst.

Now It's a Cyclone.

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA, May 18.--A veritable tempest has prevailed throughout Central Iowa for several hours, coming from the northwest. Trees and outbuildings have been blown down all over and much damage wrought. It is still raining.

Every Stream Overflowed.

DEKINSON, TEXAS, May 18.--Every stream in this section has overflowed its banks and thousands of acres of farm lands are flooded. All bridges swept away. The loss in stock and crops will be large.

APPLIED THE KNIFE.

The Senate Committee Seals Down the River and Harbor Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.--The senate committee to-day applied the knife to the river and harbor appropriation bill. The committee has decided that the total of the bill as reported to the senate, \$21,346,795, was too large, and realizing the endless trouble and dissatisfaction that would follow any effort to discriminate between the various contracts and continuing appropriation projects which it was determined should bear the brunt of the reduction, adopted the course of reducing the appropriation of all them twenty-five per cent. The result was the reduction of the total appropriation made by the bill of \$2,088,750, bringing that total down to \$20,258,045, which is nearly one million dollars less than the appropriation made by the bill as it came from the house. The projects, which all among others were scaled down, were as follows:

Savannah, Ga., from \$425,000 to \$318,750; Upper Mississippi, from \$1,500,000 to \$1,125,000; Lower Mississippi, \$2,945,000 to \$2,208,750; Great Kanawha, W. Va., from \$300,000 to \$225,000.

ONE MORE EFFORT.

Anti-Harrisonites to Hold Another Conference.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.--It is expected that another conference of the anti-Harrison leaders will be held here in a few days. Chairman Clarkson is on his way east and as soon as he arrives Platt, Quay, Cameron, Alger and Reed will probably go into executive session. The opponents of the President are loudly proclaiming that he is already practically beaten.

It would be easiest, of course to unite on Blaine, and his friends still hope that he will be nominated, despite his disinclination to allow his name to go before the convention; if not, once the president is beaten, his enemies declare that the convention will be swung into line for the man who shall appear to be the most available after the delegates get together.

Mr. Childs in Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.--George W. Childs arrived to-day with his party. During his stay Mr. Childs will be entertained by the typographical union.

A Successful Day.

FORT MONROE, VA., May 18.--The President and party caught thirty-eight blue fish to-day. Mrs. Harrison continues to improve.

## THE M. E. CONFERENCE.

Election of Officers Occupies Nearly All the Time.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY

And the Editors of the Various Church Organs Selected After a Spirited Contest--Dr. Buckley Re-elected Editor of the New York Christian Advocate Amid Great Enthusiasm--The Session One of Interest So Far as Elections are Interesting.

OMAHA, NEB., May 18.--Bishop Foster was in the chair to-day at the Methodist Episcopal General Conference. After the devotional exercises Hon. Charles Baker, of Baltimore, read an address. The address was received with hearty applause. The resolution was introduced expressing the satisfaction of the conference upon the efforts of the fraternal delegates from the Methodist Episcopal Church South and the independent Methodist church and expressing hope that in the near future all branches of the great Methodist church would become one body in the Lord. It was adopted.

After a long dispute as to the order of business the conference took up the election of a secretary for the Sunday school and tract society. J. L. Hurlbut, the incumbent during the past four years, was the only man nominated. Bishop Foster read the result of last ballot taken on Tuesday for second agent of Cincinnati book concern as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 1,431; necessary to choice 716. Curtis 733; Stowe 180; rest scattering. Mr. Lewis Curtis, of Chicago, was therefore declared elected as the associate of Dr. Cranston in the management of the Cincinnati book concern.

The ballots for the secretary of the Sunday school and tract society was taken, and while the tellers retired to count, the election of an editor for the Methodist Review was taken up. J. W. Mendonhall, the present editor, was the nominee, and received a handsome vote, doubtless assuring his success.

The report from the tellers upon the action of the secretary for the Sunday school and tract society was then announced. J. A. Hurlbut was elected almost unanimously.

Now came the election of an editor for the Christian Advocate, of New York. Rev. Dr. Mains, of the New York east conference, nominated J. M. Buckley, who has been editor of this, the chief paper of the church, for twelve years. The nomination was greeted by a general burst of applause all over the house, and Dr. Buckley was unanimously elected.

Dr. K. M. Moore, was elected editor of the Western Christian Advocate, of Cincinnati. His nomination aroused almost as much enthusiasm as that caused by Dr. Buckley for the New York editorship.

Rev. Ackerman, of Tennessee, made a ringing speech, on the time limit and made some pretty lively thrusts at the presiding elders and the bishops.

The election of an editor for the Northwestern Christian Advocate came next. The nominees were Dr. Arthur Edwards, and Dr. E. D. Whitlock. Dr. Edwards has been editor of the Northwestern Advocate for twenty years. It is generally conceded that Dr. Arthur Edwards has been elected editor of the Northwestern Advocate, although official announcement will not be made until to-morrow morning.

The mass meeting to-night was in the interest of evangelical work. Some of the ablest speakers in the conference took part in the meeting. The committee on episcopacy decided this afternoon to recommend to the conference that Europe be added to the list of locations for episcopal residences.

McDonald Oil Field.

PITTSBURGH, PA., May 18.--Since the Galloway shut down, movements in the Butler county field are becoming more extensive. The most effective cause of the limited operations in Butler county, especially in the last nine months, was due to the great McDonald pool. As the latter began to show signs of weakness and slumped off, operators having leases in Butler commenced to locate wells and started the walking beam swiveling.

Brush Creek has recently found a well which is one of the largest ever found in that pool. It is the No. 2 Pressly Duncan, of the Snyder Oil Company, and is reported to be pumping 300 barrels a day. The well is in Cranberry township, near the village of Hendersonville, and about a mile north of the Allegheny county line. It is near the old Cookson well, which is making 100 barrels a day.

A Tin Plate Plant for Demmler.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., May 18.--The Lloyd-Booth company to-day completed an extensive tin plate plant for the United States tin plate company at Demmler, Pa., and will ship the consignment to-morrow to the company. The machinery was inspected by a large number of iron manufacturers, and those interested in the tin business, and its workings were explained by Manager Charles Bray, formerly of Pittsburgh.

The Cleveland Horse Sale.

CLEVELAND, May 18.--At the Emory Fassig horse sale to-day the following, among other horses, were sold: Tariff and Free Trade, black, 1883 and 1884, Young Wilkes, to John A. Logan, Jr., Youngstown, Ohio, \$1,200; Josephine, br. l., 1880, Garnet Wilkes, to John Smith, Beaver Falls, Pa., \$825.

An Empty Honor.

CINCINNATI, O., May 18.--The Sixth district, Ohio Democratic convention, at Liverpool, Ohio, to-day renominated Hon. J. M. Pattison for Congress. The district having been changed since Mr. Pattison's election, the Republican majority to overcome is over 3,000.

Six Drowned.

MORRILLTON, ARK., May 18.--By the capsizing of a boat on the Dowdle place this afternoon, Hamp Wilkerson, colored, four women and five children were drowned.

A SPLENDID SUCCESS.

The Fairmont Lot Sale on the First Day Shows What Confidence Purchasers Have in the Future of the Town--Lots Averaged \$500 at Auction.

FAIRMONT, May 18.--The first day's sale of lots on the Development Company's addition to the town passed off very successfully. A number of persons from a distance were in attendance, and, together with the visitors from the surrounding country, gave a county fair aspect to the streets.

On the grounds a number of booths were erected, which supplied food and drink to the hungry and thirsty. The sale began at 10 o'clock in the morning, and after an adjournment for dinner was resumed in the afternoon. The bidding was quite spirited for a time, and those who secured lots were quite fortunate in getting them at the prices paid. Several gentlemen who bought in the morning were offered as high as \$500 advance on their bargains. In all 120 lots were sold to-day, and the figures obtained were moderate. The amount realized from the sales footed up \$40,000.

The sale will be continued to-morrow. All who invested expressed themselves delighted with their purchases and their satisfaction with the honorable manner in which the sale was conducted.

The auctioneer, Mr. Beckenbaugh, of Baltimore, is an experienced hand in the business, and kept the crowd in a lively humor.

Church Burned by Incendiarists.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., May 18.--A number of ministers and Bishop Granbury, of the M. E. church south, went to Glenwood, twenty miles north, on the Ohio River railroad yesterday, to dedicate a church there to-day. When they arrived they found the church had been burned to the ground. It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary who had a spite against some of the church people. This is the second church that has been burned in that vicinity, and the people will deal harshly with the villain should he be found.

Fatally Injured.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., May 18.--James Behen, a workman on the B. & O. bridge repairs, sustained terrible and probably fatal injuries to-day by falling from one of the spans. He was sawing a heavy timber, when it broke and threw him to the ground. He alighted on his head and shoulders, and the pieces of timber fell on him, crushing him horribly. He is still alive, but his recovery is exceedingly doubtful.

Big Increase of Capital.

COLUMBUS, O., May 18.--Secretary of State Poorman to-day authorized the increase of capital of the Cleveland, Canton and Southern railroad from \$1,400,000 to \$14,000,000. Under the Massachusetts law the state's fees on this increase are \$15,000.

A REIGN OF TERROR.

In Dennison--An Assassin Shoots Down Four Women in One Night.

DENISON, TEXAS, May 18.--Last night was a night of horror in Dennison between 11 p. m. and 3:30 a. m. An assassin, unknown, brutally and premeditatedly shot and killed four women, two of them leaders of local society, and two inmates of respectable houses.

The assassin shot and killed Mrs. Dr. Henry Haynes during the absence of her husband. When his victim was down the murderer took her gold watch and chain, diamond ring and earrings, and proceeded to the Hawley residence, where he shot and killed Miss Teen Hawley, who was seated on a bed with her mother when the assassin's bullet came through the screen. The assassin then directed his steps to the bungalow of Madame Livers, where he fired from the front porch through a window, killing Maude Kramer. After this he crossed to the next street, where he mortally wounded Rose Stewart, at Madame Williams'. This fatal shot was fired from the sidewalk.

These foul murders have created intense excitement, which is increased by the fact that there is no clue to the criminal. Hundreds of armed men are searching for the murderer.

DR. TEED ARRESTED.

The Kerosene Christ Charged with Breaking Up a Home.

CHICAGO, May 18.--"Dr." Cyrus R. Teed, the so-called Kerosene Christ, was arrested to-day on a charge of criminal intemperance with Mrs. Annie Cole. Mrs. Cole's husband has a \$100,000 damagesuit pending against Teed for alienating her affections. The arrest was made near Teed's new "heaven" at Washington heights, of which Mrs. Cole is said to be an inmate, and the establishment of which has caused such an uproar among the residents of that pretty suburb. It is understood that the chief witness against Teed will be the eleven-year-old Walter Cole, who lived with his mother at Teed's "College of Life" until taken by the father at the point of a revolver.

A Result of the Dissolution.

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.--At a special meeting of stockholders of the Atlantic Refining Company to-day it was decided to increase the capital stock to \$5,000,000 and to increase the number of directors from seven to nine. The directors at a previous meeting recommended such action, it being deemed necessary by the proposed dissolution of the Standard Oil Trust, and there was no opposition to the proposed change when the question was voted upon to-day.

Dr. Briggs Honored.

NEW YORK, May 18.--The Rev. Dr. Charles A. Briggs, professor of systematic theology in the Union Theological Seminary, has been specially invited, as a scholar, to be one of the guests of honor at the three hundredth anniversary of the University of Dublin, which begins on July 6 and will last throughout the week. The reverend gentleman has accepted the invitation and engaged his passage on a steamer for Queens-town.

To-day the Rev. Briggs left this city for Portland, Oregon, to look after his case before the General Assembly.

## THE CLEVELAND FACTION

Wins the Day at the Georgia State Democratic Convention.

AFTER FIGHT FOR ORGANIZATION

Hill and the Ex-President Get Sensitive--Off in the Speech of the Temporary Chairman, Who Truthfully Says that the Matter with the Democrats is that They Have Lost Sight of the Issues in the Contest Between Men.

ATLANTA, GA., May 18.--The Cleveland and anti-Cleveland forces were early astir this morning. The anti-Cleveland delegates met during the forenoon and selected James Smith, of Ogleshorpe, J. M. Duprez, of Bibb, Evan P. Howell, of Fulton, and Patrick Walsh, of Richmond, as their candidates for delegates at large to the national convention. The Cleveland candidates were Dupont Guerry, of Bibb, A. P. Richardson, of Fulton, F. G. Dubignon, of Chatham, and James M. Smith, of Ogleshorpe. Chairman Atkinson, of the state committee, called the convention to order promptly at 12 o'clock and urged the delegates to be harmonious, conciliatory and conservative in the action of the day. In his speech, he briefly alluded to both ex-President Cleveland and Senator Hill.

He said: The trouble which affects and perplexes us now is due to the fact that we have ceased to call attention to the fact that in the coming contest the great question of tariff must be the question upon which the battle is to be fought. I proclaim it here that the issue upon which we must win must be represented by a candidate who will be declared to be true to that principle of right. [Cheers.] If, in the coming election, that is done Georgia will by an overwhelming majority elect, if he is the nominee of the party, that great ex-President, Grover Cleveland. [Great enthusiasm.]

"She will, if he is the nominee of the Democratic party, elect by an overwhelming majority the great senator from New York, David Bennett Hill. [Prolonged cheers.]

"The Democrats of Georgia do not worship at the shrine of men, but at the shrine of principle, and with those principles we will win in this contest with any true, capable Democrat nominated at the national convention." [Great applause.]

The test fight of the day took place over the election of temporary chairman of the convention. The anti-Cleveland faction nominated Hon. John W. Robertson and the Cleveland delegates nominated ex-United States Senator Barrow. The nomination of each of these men was seconded by half a dozen speeches, and it was a long time before a ballot was reached.

A half hour was consumed in the roll call, which was completed in a victory for the Cleveland men by the election of ex-Senator Pope Barrow as temporary chairman by a majority of over fifty votes. Ere the call was completed the anti-Cleveland men courtously moved to make Barrow's election unanimous and this was done amid great applause. Chairman Barrow was introduced by his recent competitor, Mr. Robertson, who said he was a better presiding officer than himself, but not a better Democrat.

W. A. Harris and Mack Hardin were chosen secretaries by acclamation and the Cleveland forces followed up their victory by moving that the temporary chairman be declared permanent chairman. This was done by acclamation, the anti-Cleveland people not demanding a roll call.

At the opening of the afternoon session, the committee on credentials reported that there were contested delegations from the counties of Clay and Fulton. Immediately Mr. Simmons, of Gwynett county, presented the following substitute for the committee's report:

Resolved, That the delegates from Fulton county, known as the compromise delegation, and which is equally divided in their choice for president, be entitled to represent said county [Applause.]

After long wrangling the roll call was taken and the report of the committee adverse to the compromise delegation and favorable to the Cleveland delegation was adopted by a vote of 171 to 157. The convention now proceeded to the chief business before it--the selection of delegates at-large to the national convention. The roll call lasted over an hour, and resulted in a sweeping victory for the Cleveland element. Richardson, Guerry, Dubignon and Smith, all Cleveland men, were declared the delegates at-large.

After a recess of fifteen minutes, the district delegates to the national convention were reported by the various congressional districts and approved by the convention.

The platform adopted declares for government control of postoffices; demands free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver; demands an increase of the circulating mediums; demands an income tax and a correction in the present pension system.

Immediately after the adoption of the platform, Hon. Hoke Smith, of Atlanta, presented the following: "Resolved, That we endorse the wise, able and patriotic administration of Cleveland as President of the United States, and recognizing him as the great leader of tariff reform, express in him our continued confidence."

Resolved, Further, that the delegates from Georgia to Chicago be instructed as a unit.

On demand of Hon. Patrick Walsh, of Augusta, the resolution was divided and the first part adopted without any great opposition.

On the second, however, enforcing the unit rule, there was great opposition, and Mr. Smith finally withdrew the resolution for the unit rule.

South Carolina Democrats.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 18.--The state Democratic convention met here at noon. Of 316 delegates, thirty-one are opposed to Tillman and the Farmers' Alliance. Senator Irby, chairman of the state Democratic executive committee, called the convention to order, and W. J. Talbert, ex-state Alliance lecturer, was made president. Tillman and anti-Tillman delegations from Richland county claimed seats. The latter were seated.

CABELL COUNTY DEMOCRATS

Will Have a Warm Fight Over the gubernatorial Question.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., May 18.--The Cabell county Democratic mass convention to name delegates to the state, congressional and senatorial conventions meets here next Saturday.

Sentiment among the Democrats of Cabell is divided on the gubernatorial question. Both the Bennett and McCorkle factions are making efforts to carry the convention for their favorite. A bitter fight will surely take place on this issue when the convention meets.

The strength of the two candidates is about equally divided in numbers, with probably a slight margin for Bennett. The Barnum Club, which controls the Cabell Democratic machine, is almost solid for the Weston statesman, and his ultimate victory in the convention is considered probable.

Will Chilton, of Charleston, who, it is rumored, will be McCorkle's secretary of state in the event of his election, has been here this week in his chief's interest, and J. H. Edwards, late of the Advertiser, and formerly of Bennett's county, is here in the latter's interest.

THE SILVER CONFERENCE

May Be Held at an Early Day--Its American Complexion.

NEW YORK, May 18.--A Washington special to the Post says: The international silver conference bids fair, from present appearance, to be held within the next sixty days, though the place has not yet been decided upon. One element of delay has been the fact that the correspondence has been conducted by mail instead of by cable. It is likely that the place chosen will be the capitol of one of the lesser powers, so that no great political significance can be given to the meeting locally.

The names of the American representatives at the conference are not yet known, as it is doubtful whether the President has his list yet made out. Several suggestions are canvassed, however, in a manner which would indicate that the President has them under advisement. So far the signs point mostly to Henry W. Cannon, of New York, as a representative republican bi-metallic and general financial expert; Senator John P. Jones, of Nevada, republican friendly to the silver mining interest, and a student of the money question, and General Frances A. Walker, of Massachusetts, as a bi-metallic representative of the opposition party. The fourth member may be chosen from the leading western Democrats who have made a specialty of this subject. A movement is on foot among the leading senators and representatives of both political parties, to procure the nomination as the fifth member of Director Leach, of the mint bureau, and by common consent the coinage expert of the United States treasury.

PUNISHING THE JEBUS.

After a Sharp Fight the British Troops Burn Two Towns.

LONDON, May 18.--A dispatch from Lagos, the British settlement on the Gold Coast of Africa, states that the British punitive force under the command of Col. Scott, which started last Thursday to attack the Jebu and Egbu tribes, the chief of which have blocked the trade routes to the interior, arrived at Egbu, on the border of the country occupied by the Jebus, on Friday.

After a stout resistance by the natives, the British cleared away the brush in the vicinity of the two towns held by the Jebus and set them on fire. There was sharp fighting, and eight British allies were killed. The natives' loss is not known. When they retreated from the burning towns they carried away the dead and wounded. They did not withdraw from the towns until the fire from the burning huts became so intense that it was impossible to longer remain. The Jebus have interfered with British trade routes and are being punished therefore.

ROW AMONG FACTIONS

At the Election of Directors of the Irish Organs.

DUBLIN, May 18.--Another stormy meeting of the shareholders in the Freeman's Journal and National Press was held to-day for the purpose of deciding upon the reorganization of the board of directors. Mr. Gray, the chairman, called upon Mr. Timothy Healy to withdraw from the director's table, where he had taken his seat, and to sit among the shareholders. Mr. Healy shouted in response to Mr. Gray: "Don't make an ass of yourself." This precipitated an uproar of cheers and hisses. Mr. Healy was requested to withdraw his expression, but he refused to do so.

The excitement finally quieted down to a certain degree, and the discussion of the question of the election of directors was proceeded with.

Richmond Terminal Affairs.

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.--An afternoon paper prints the following: "The report that Drexel, Morgan & Co. are at the head of a new syndicate which will take charge of the affairs of the Richmond Terminal company is generally believed to be correct in financial circles, although at the offices of the firm in New York and at Drexel & Co.'s in this city, it is said that nothing has been done. It is generally believed that the new plan contemplates an assessment of \$10 on the stock, first mortgage bonds to be given to the stockholders in return for the payments. An assessment, it is believed, unavoidable."

Captured a Pirate Stronghold.

PARIS, May 18.--The La Libre Parole to-day states that French forces in Tonquin have captured a pirate stronghold, killing 125. Fifty-three French soldiers and five officers being killed.

Weather Forecast for To-day.

For Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, showers, slightly cooler, south gales, becoming north-west.

TEMPERATURE YESTERDAY.

As furnished by C. SCHEPP, druggist, corner Market and Fourteenth streets.